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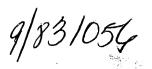
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THE FO	LLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:  1. Amendments to the specification:  A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  C. Other	Or and
	2. Abstract:  A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.  B. Other	
	3. Amendments to the drawings:	
	4. Amendments to the claims:  A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.  B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims)  C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.  D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.  E. Other:   Ot	1
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